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Robert Blumenthal et al.

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For: METHODS FOR INHIBITING HIV AND
OTHER VIRAL INFECTIONS BY
MODULATING CERAMIDE METABOLISM

Examiner: S. Wang

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed November 4, 2009, Applicant hereby elects for continued examination, the subject matter of **Group 1**, directed to **Claims 1, 4, 6-18, 23-33** (in part), drawn to a method of inhibiting HIV infectivity or treating HIV infection comprising administering to a patient a retinoid.

An election of a specific retinoid for the purpose of examination has been further required in this case. Applicant hereby elects N-(4-hydroxyphenyl)retinamide (fenretinide) as the species for search. Applicant submits that although the use of different retinoids are inventively distinct, the search is coextensive and does not